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WHISKY BOAT LOSES IN \$400,000 GAMBLE

Barge Gets Too Near Shore With 4,000 Cases of Prime Bahama.

GRABBED INSIDE HOOK

Appleby Says Vigilance of Dry Navy Makes Liquor Men Desperate.

ARMADA VERY RESTLESS

Skipper of Seized Craft Was En Route to Canada, He Asserts.

Laden with 4,000 cases of Bahama bootleg liquor, for which thirsty New Yorkers were expected to pay more than \$400,000, a seagoing barge from the "whisky armada" was seized just inside of Sandy Hook last night by the dry navy rum chaser Hanson. The whisky carrier was towed into the quarantine station at Staten Island, where the crew and the contraband cargo were placed in custody of customs officers.

For several days the Hanson had been scurrying around in waters off Sandy Hook expecting to capture a number of small boats attempting to bring liquor in from the mother fleet outside the three mile limit. Information had been received by John D. Appleby, zone dry chief, that more than \$300,000 worth of Bahama whisky was en route to New York for the holidays.

The captain of the liquor barge, according to Capt. John Dier of the Hanson, declared that his craft had been forced to come within the three mile limit to be repaired. The barge, he asserted, was crippled en route from Nassau, the Bahamas, to Canada, and the whisky aboard the vessel "was not intended for New York."

"With at least a dozen vessels carrying many thousands of cases of liquor lying off the coast," said Mr. Appleby last night, "it is obvious that the bootleggers are experiencing great difficulty in getting small boats to land their stuff. The vigilance of the Prohibition Enforcement Department has kept the owners of small boats from running the risk of having their craft seized. This barge, which left Nassau three weeks ago, wearied of staying off shore and decided to gamble a fortune in liquor against the vigilance of the dry navy. The bootleggers lost."

The Hanson, after hauling the captured liquor runner into the quarantine station, returned to sea, expecting to make other seizures.

MAN'S BODY WEDGED IN TRUCK JOLTS CAR

Elevated Traffic Tied Up More Than Hour.

A sudden jar at 10:30 o'clock last night caused Motorman Philip Hauer of 286 Rockaway avenue, Brooklyn, to stop a Brooklyn bound Canarsie train of the B. R. T. over Columbia street on the Williamsburg Bridge. With the conductor he searched under the train and beneath the last of the six cars found a body wedged in a truck.

An emergency crew jacked up the train and removed the body, which was that of a man about twenty-five years old. He had been badly mangled and there was nothing by which he could be identified. Traffic was tied up until midnight, and reserves from the Clinton street police station were sent to handle the crowds at the Essex street station.

CHRISTMAS WHISKY SOARS AND YELLOWLEY IS BLAMED

Dry Chief Now Boss of the Spanish Main as Well as the Canadian Fishing Banks, Making Rum Running Hard.

If you are looking for some one to blame for the increase in the price of your synthetic hooch, cease the quest. The bootleggers themselves say (and the bootleggers themselves ought to know) that the person to blame is Edward C. Yellowley, prohibition enforcement agent for this district. The booze dispensers pay Mr. Yellowley a high compliment by cursing him roundly and continuously.

They say they have to charge more for the stuff they sell for the simple reason that they expect to sell less of it than they did a year ago. From utterly reliable sources this New York Herald learns that rye whisky from the Bahamas and Scotch from St. Pierre-Miquelon and from Europe and Canada is costing between \$10 and \$15 more per case this year. Mr. Yellowley is blamed for this.

INVESTORS' LURE PROMOTER TO JAIL

Arone, Who Claimed Movie Rights to 'Sally,' Is Held in \$28,000 Bail.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 19.—Caught in a trap, George Arone, aged 44, is held in a cell here under fourteen counts of \$2,000 each, or total bail of \$28,000, the heaviest ever imposed by the local Magistrate's court. The charges are swindling and false pretenses.

George S. Savage of New York employed by F. Ziegfeld, Jr., of the "Polies," was brought on from New York by those who gave money to Arone, whose total collection in Vineland reached \$12,400 in cash in sums of from \$250 to \$3,000, the investors chiefly being women.

Arone, accompanied by his wife, came to Vineland early in September. He said he was president of the Calvert Producing Company of Baltimore, engaged in motion picture productions, and among other assets had purchased for \$24,500 the motion picture rights of "Sally" from Ziegfeld, and that he also had a company in Egypt taking pictures for another production, "The Forbidden Party," starring Constance Talmadge.

On the strength of promising huge profits, guaranteeing safety and getting into the confidence of women through church affiliations, Arone sold stock in the Calvert Company and after a few weeks disappeared. The investors, he said, were anxious and hearing of him reaping a like harvest in other cities, notably Atlantic City, set a trap for his return by pledges of more stock wanted. In the meantime they had communicated with Ziegfeld, who sent Mr. Savage down to testify that Arone's claims on the picture rights of "Sally" were wholly fraudulent, and that the Ziegfeld organization had never even heard of him.

Savage's testimony was all that prevented Arone from winning, as he had issued to each investor a receipt for money paid for stock, saying that if the buyer became dissatisfied Arone would redeem the stock in full with 8 per cent. interest one year from date. This defense seemed alright, but the testimony of Savage refuting the "Sally" claim made out a clear case of fraud and false pretenses.

MCGRAW SUIT DISMISSED.

Justice Tierney in the Supreme Court yesterday dismissed the complaint of Mrs. Mary A. Butterfield of 104 West 103d street in her suit for \$30,000 against John J. McGraw, manager of the Glenside, ruling that Frank Kauff, former chauffeur for McGraw, was driving the latter's automobile without permission when he struck Mrs. Butterfield October 2, 1917, near Broadway and Sixty-seventh street.

DEFINITE EVIDENCE FOUND IN HALL CASE

New Grand Jury to Hear Facts in Murder Mystery Just Developed.

SOLUTION MAY BE NEAR

Somerset County Officials Say Indictment Will Come After the Holidays.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. 19.—The investigation of the Hall-Mills murder is still the matter of chief concern to the authorities in this city and Somerset county, and they are both determined to bring the perpetrators to justice. Every indication of this was shown to-day, particularly in the charge to the new December Grand Jury by Supreme Court Justice Charles W. Parker, and also in the fact that the Somerset authorities have found important evidence, which will be presented to the new jury.

One official predicted to-night that the entire case would be thrown wide open by disclosures to come. There is reason to believe that at least two sets of investigators have important data, and the attitude of the jury and the charge by Justice Parker substantiated the belief.

"We have been able to accomplish more in the way of concrete evidence of importance in the last two weeks than was accomplished during the preceding two months and a half," an official said to-day. "This evidence is more definite, more satisfactory and much more valuable than any we had when the case went before the September panel of the Grand Jury."

New Evidence Unearthed.

"The evidence of which I speak will not be presented this week nor probably next, due to the holidays. It will be ripe for presentation within the next two or three weeks, and then we are almost certain of action. This evidence has all been unearthed by Somerset county officials."

The entire charge made by Justice Parker to the new panel in Somerset today was devoted to the Hall-Mills case. He indicated that the routine business would not take more than a day or two to handle, and that the remainder of the session could be devoted to an exhaustive study of the murder case. He pointedly stated that it will eventually be cleared up.

"You need not be confused by what the prosecutors bring to you, but can go further and inquire at length into the case, calling for any witness or evidence required," he said. "The indication is that the last Grand Jury found the evidence presented to them insufficient for the return of an indictment. This, however, does not end the case. The crime is unpunished and in murder cases there is no limitation placed on the time for investigation or return of indictments. That can be done by this or any subsequent grand jury," he said. "But in our judgment there is no absolute need for fevered haste in disclosing the perpetrator, that is, until something further may develop. There has been ample time for the assassin to reach the ends of the earth, or at least to cleverly hide his tracks."

Predicts Solution of Mystery.

"We believe that the web of mystery will eventually be broken. Right in this State, at Union Hill, a mysterious case was solved after two years. This case is not unique in the fact that the very first investigation failed to result in an indictment. All of the guilty parties will eventually be discovered, indicted and arrested, we believe, but it will take time and will be managed better by proceeding in a more leisurely manner than before."

The foreman of the present panel, William J. K. Coby, president of large iron works in Somerville, and including among its members two women and a clergyman.

Mrs. Jane Gibson visited the office

of the Somerset Prosecutor and according to a reliable informant made another statement about the case which includes much that was not stated in her previous stories and was not told to the Grand Jury when she appeared before them for nearly two hours.

WATCH YOUR 105 AND 205.

Three Counterfeits of Reserve Notes Floating About.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York has issued a warning against three new counterfeit Federal Reserve notes. One counterfeit, a \$20 note, is much darker than the genuine, although the coloring of the numbering and seal is good. Another bogus \$20 note is printed from a hand engraved plate with the word "Massachusetts" spelled "Massachusetts." A counterfeit \$10 note is a photo-chemical production with both the face and back much darker than the genuine and the numbering and workmanship poor.

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